



News briefs

WHA Attends AHA Annual Meeting

The American Hospital Association (AHA) held their annual meeting last week in Washington, DC. Representing Wyoming were Eric Boley, Wyoming Hospital Association President, Josh Hannes, Vice President of the Wyoming Hospital Association, Doug Faus, CEO of Ivinson Memorial Hospital, Margie Molitor, CEO of Hot Springs Health, Irene Richardson, CEO of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County, Zach Miller, CEO of Community Hospital and Tim Thornell, CEO of Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

Of course, the educational sessions were excellent this year. The session on rural hospitals highlighted we have unique needs, something the COVID-19 pandemic has shined a bright light upon. The session conveyed rural hospitals continue to need support to remain sustainable sources of critical health care for the communities they serve each and every day.

Anytime you have an opportunity hear from a person with their own bobblehead, you must do it! This is why attendees were thrilled National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., addressed annual meeting attendees.

There was strong law enforcement presence at the AHA annual meeting for the federal forum plenary, in the form of FBI deputy director Paul Abate! He was introduced by his former FBI colleague John Riggi, who now serves as national advisor for cybersecurity and risk. It was an interesting set of insights about today's cyberthreat environment and what hospitals and health systems need to know to protect themselves and their patients.

Members of the Wyoming Hospital Association met with all three of Wyoming's congressional delegates.

Topics of conversation with Senators Barrasso and Lummis and Congresswoman Cheney included protecting 340b, and extending some of the waiver programs started during COVID such as telemedicine, travel staff rates, staffing shortages, federal rules and regulations, additional financial relief, inflation and increased expenses in healthcare were also discussed. The state of healthcare facilities emerging from COVID is a very concerning issue and our delegation were very concerned and engaged in the conversations.



Eric Boley, Zach Miller, Tim Thornell, Congresswoman Cheney, Irene Richardson, Margie Molitor, Josh Hannes



Tim Thornell—Wyoming Grassroots Champion



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